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Rev. Amos A. Phelps

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Dear Br. Phelps

Hallowell

June 20. 1835

that he had not collected the money on the Draft
on my return to the State the communication made
to me led me to understand that payment had been
refused & I reported accordingly at a subsiquent
period I fell in with Mr Brown & on enquiry
after the circumstances he informed me that he called
several times at Mr Lyons Office but did not
see him he being absent of course the Draft was not
presented & no action had thereon And the subject
being involved in some ambiguity I have not
thought it worth while to take further measures thereon

Yours &c Elisha Dale

Mr Gurleys Answer: I very much regret to have to say is misled as to fact He stated however that the Managers had had a Meeting & voted to save the Slaves in question provided Funds was furnished to enable them to send & that the money might be paid to Mr Jaffray I think Mr John T of Baltimore I attended to the subject for some time & found that the Slaves in question had not been sent as stipulated neither was the receipt of the money acknowledged until after the expiration of 12 Months from the time it had been paid

My impression is strong that Mr Gurley gave me the name of the Man who offered the 15 Slaves which however I have forgotten & that he stated that the other who offered the 43 wished that his name might not be made public

About 15 Months since I received a letter from Mr Gurley in which he considers the conditions of the donation as having been complied with by their having at a subsiquent period removed the Slaves of Mr Easby who he says for the want of Funds they were not removed for some time after Weather Mr Easby was or was not one of the Men who offered the Slaves in question I have no means of determining I paid the money for the express purpose of having the Slaves in question liberated & sent out at the time contemplated & not to promote the general purposes of the society that is so far as to embrace the free People of Colour & of this however Mr Gurley might have thought but little from the presumption that my views were similar to his own & on the assurance of Mr Gurley that the Managers had passed a vote to save them provided the Funds should be furnished to enable them to send a Vessel was sent but the Slaves were left behind

Some two or three years since I made a Draft on Mr Gurley & wrote him to that stating the fact & the reasons for having made the Draft which I sent together with the Letter by Mr Theodore Browne of Harfordborough on his return he called at the store I being absent & left word

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Hallowell June 20th 1833

Rev Amos A Phelps

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th has been duly received In compliance with your request I begin with by transcribing the copy of My letter to Mr Gurley

Hall Sept 1828

Rev Ralph Gurley

Dear Sir

Understanding that a Gentleman at the Southward had offered his Slaves (13 in Number) their freedom provided the A & C society would remove and send them to Liberia & that a mother sister of his had been offered on similar conditions & also understanding that the society was short of funds to accomplish the object & considering as I do that the object of immancipating the Negroes is second to none I hereby pledge my self to pay one hundred dollars to any one you my name in Boston on the receipt of information that the society have resolved to take the above named under their patronage

Yours &c Edmd Dole

P S Altho not well able in connection with other calls yet rather than the object should fail of accomplishment through the want of funds I will double the sum pledged above

In the above postscript I meant to be understood as pledging my self only on condition that contributions from other quarters to enable them to send should be inadequate a Vessel at the time contemplated & if so that I should hear from Mr Gurley accordingly My impressions at this time were that the A & C Society was acting under the influence of views & principles similar to those that now govern the Abolitionist